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ABSORBENT ARTICLES

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Amendment Transmittal Letter

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified patent application. The non-small entity fee has been calculated in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.16 (b), (c) and (d) as follows:

Claims As Amended

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Respectfully submitted,

JENNIFER E. POZNIAK ET AL.

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Amendment - A

Box NON-FEE AMENDMENT
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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 and in response to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2001, Applicants hereby respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A pant-like, refastenable, disposable absorbent article which defines a front waist region, a back waist region, a crotch region which extends between and connects said waist regions, a longitudinal direction and a lateral direction, said absorbent article comprising:

a) an absorbent chassis which defines an exterior surface, an interior surface opposite said exterior surface, a pair of laterally opposed side edges and a pair of longitudinally opposed waist edges;

b) a pair of opposed side panels which extend outward from and between said side edges of said absorbent chassis in said front waist region and said back waist region of said absorbent article to define a waist opening and a pair of leg openings in said pant-like disposable absorbent article, wherein each of said opposed side panels defines a first side margin, said first side margins permanently attached to said side edges of said absorbent chassis in one of said front waist region and said back waist region of said absorbent article to provide a permanent joint, and a second side margin, said second side margins releasably